Elizabeth Ervin Charged With Sending Abusive and Even Vile Missives to Principal McClellan and

ROWATTON, Conn., Dec. 25.-Rowayton's Jack the Letter-Writer, or Jill the Letter Vriter, as the case may be, has stirred up as fine a mees in this quiet little Yankee village as any imp of mischief could desire. It is a general bedevilment in which pretty nearly everybody is more or less mixed into which a sharply defined line of cleavage has divided the entire community. Just at this moment, supposed to be more or less given over to praise on earth and will to men, there is a temporary

Jack, or Jill, the Letter Writer, has laid down the pen and the neighbors for the time are able to open a letter without being anonymous origin. Lawsuits and counter awsuits are held in abeyance. It is peace, but a peace that is hollow to the core. Before a week has gone warrants probably will be issued and arrests made, and that will begin a battle all along the line, the result of which in reputations besmirched and reputations injured no man can fore-

It all began in trouble in the public schools more than a year ago, and one of the public schoolteachers, Miss Elizabeth Ervin, is now the pivot on which all the warfare turns. The question on which the community is split is whether Miss Ervin is an amazingly bad young woman, or whether she is a young woman who is the victim of as vile and cowardly a conspiracy as was ever hatched, even in a gossiping country village. That she is a decidedly handsome young woman, that she is accom-

some young woman, that she is accomplished and possessed of very much more than the average allowance of brains and decision of character, are points on which, among the men of the village at least, there is practically no division of sentiment. It is those who believe she is the writer of the deluge of anonymous, abusive and unspeakably improper letters which have turned the village post office into a sort of epistelary sewer for the past few weeks who think that she is absolutely bad.

It is those who believe that Miss Ervin had no more to do with those letters than the man in the moon and who believe that a conspiracy has been deliberately hatched to blacken her name and drive her in disgrace from the community—it is these people, and their number is very large, who look upon her as little short of a martyr to village jealousy and malignity. The school of which Miss Ervin is the first assistant under the principal, John McClellan, will reopen for the winter term within a few days. The issue of her returning to the didner than the man in the room and who believe that make the work of a martyr to village jealousy and malignity. The school of which Miss Ervin is the first assistant under the principal, John McClellan, will reopen for the winter term within a few days. The issue of her returning to the constable. He did not know that any warrant had been issued as yet. This letter with all the others is now in the hands of the Postmaster-General relating the circumstances of the anonymous letters with their envelopes were sent on a detective would be assigned to the Constable in consultation and to consider the propriety of demanding a warrant for her arrest. It is even said to-day that he did not know that any warrant had been issued as yet. This letters with their eventual the others is now in the hands of the Postmaster-General relating the circumstances of the anonymous letters with the appearance of the constable. He did not know that any many.

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That Mr. McClellan can continue to act with her as his assistant without himself retracting much that he has said and withretracting much that he has said and withdrawing absolutely from the position he
has taken, seems hardly possible. On the
other hand, it is not at all probable that Miss
Ervin will be satisfied with anything less
than an absolute and humble retraction
on the part of the principal and others.
She has engaged two lawyers, Levi Warner
and Louis S. Beers of South Norwalk, and
is waiting behind her legal intrenchments
for the enemy to move out into the open
for the attack. If he does not do this, and
do it pretty quickly, no one doubts that
Miss Ervin, under the lead of her legal
generals, will make a sortie, and then,
say the neighbors, look out to see the fur
fity. There has been enough done and
said to put at least one person—the letter said to put at least one person—the letter writer, whoever he or she may be be-hind prison bars, and it is a matter of pretty general opinion here that the Rowayton elegation in the county jail will not be imited to one person only. Miss Ervin's troubles in the school began

nore than a year ago when George O. J. Lanpheare was the principal. Mr. Lanpheare was not fortunate in his relations with some of his subordinate teachers. Several left. Miss Ervin was one of those with whom Mr. Lanpheare had differ-Miss Ervin did not leave. She took issue with the principal and the result was that it was the principal and not she who left. That was the result of the last village election. On that occasion landel P. Wicks was a candidate for re-election. Mr. Wicks and Mr. Lanpheare were and are warm friends. Village gossip has it that at no remote day their relations be drawn still closer by a mar-Mr. Wicks was defeated for School f Committeeman, getting only 6 out total vote of 160. The result of his downfall was the retirement of Mr. Lan-pheare as principal of the school, and the advent of John McClellan as his successor. Both Mr. Lanpheare and Mr. Wicks had friends, and naturally there was more or less bitterness over the new deal in the school management. It was matter of common notoriety that Mr. Lanpheare's removal was directly due to Miss Ervin, and, as a corollary to this proposition, the bitterness of Mr. Lanpheare's and Mr. Wick's friends was more or less concern. Wicks's friends was more or less concen-trated on the handsome and mentally vigorous young schoolteacher.

Signous young schoolteacher. So much for the situation when Mr. McClellan came to town and took charge of the school in September last. Miss Ervin had never seen or heard of Mr. McClellan prior to his invitation to Rowayton. With him and with his family her clatters were cordial until early to No. ton. With him and with his family her relations were cordial until early in November last. On Nov. 14 when she came to rehoo! Mr Methelian asked her to effect a meeting of the teachers. At this meeting Miss Emma Cushman, the second assistant teacher, produced and read about a setter which the seld she had received that morning. The letter was in the nature of a tirade, his purport of which was that Miss Ervin was being badly treated by the seniori management. It was signed "A Friend Miss Ervin," as indeed have slittle anonymous setters that have been received which will have been received which of this letter nor the five or six which followed it was conscent in fact have been two groups of these letters. have a tenth the groupe of those letters have of the first group were more or leasuring and absence, but stopped there, there of the second group, the ones which have been marking fluring the past two flices marks, were not only insulting the serve, but outrageously flitly as

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and Miss Jessie Benedict—got them; Mr. McClellan's mail was rarely without one. Miss Emma Walker, a warm friend of Miss Cushman, got one, and George Stevens, the new School Committeeman, was favored. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan live in the family of Mr. Thomas, and Miss Mary Thomas and Earl Thomas of that family, and Miss Kate Thomas of another family, all received the letters.

The missives became viler and viler in tone and finally became threatening. One was written in red ink.

"This letter," said the mysterious Jack or Jill, "is written in red ink. The next one will be written in blood."

All were postmarked Rowayton and all were posted in either one of two street boxes not far from the Fairview Hotel, a summer hotel now closed.

"On the 9th of December last," said Miss Ervin to-day, "Mrs. McClellan came to the school room and called me to the door. She had a letter in her hand and was greatly excited. It was one of the anonymous letters, and she accused me of having

She had a letter in her hand and was greatly excited. It was one of the anonymous letters, and she accused me of having written it. I could only deny it, but she became more and more violent. I told her I only wished she would say what she was saying before witnesses. At this she said she would go into the school room and proclaim it to the pupils. My life of late has been miserable. I dare not go out unless I have some one with me who can testify to my movements. Spies are constantly at all hours of the night prowiing about the house where I live. It has been all but unendurable."

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It was last week that the attack upon Miss Ervin took a more definite and decisive form. The constable for some time had been watching the two letter boxes by the hotel. He watched them at all hours of the day and night, but he could not be by them all the time and the anonymous letters were dropped into them. He established that the letters were posted generally between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. He told Mr. and Mrs. McClellan one night that he was watching the box and the next'morning there happened an event which very nearly resulted in the issuing of a warrant for Miss Ervin's arrest. Shortly before 9 o'clock on that morning Mrs. McClellan sent for the constable in great haste. When he responded Mrs. McClellan, in the presence of her husband, said that as she was looking out of her house that morning Miss Ervin passed on her way to school. As the teacher got to a place in full view of the window through which Mrs. McClellan was looking, she dropped something—something white. It fluttered to the ground and rested on

many.

Some two weeks ago Miss Ervin wrete to the Postmaster-General relating the circumstances of the anonymous letter writing and got back a reply to the effect that if the letters with their envelopes were sent on a detective would be assigned to the case. Miss Ervin did not have any letters to send, all of them having been turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney. Pressure was brought to bear upon her attorney to induce her to resign, but this her lawyers advise her not to do and further-

attorney to induce her to resign, but this her lawyers advise her not to do and, furthermore, it is a step which she never for a moment has thought of taking.

The evidence up to the remarkable incident of the letter dropping right under the eyes of Mrs. McClellan just when that lady was on the alert for definite proof against the schoolteacher—the evidence against Miss Ervin, barring this, is said to consist of the similarity of the handwriting to that of the anonymous letters, and the alleged fact that the letters show a knowledge of things which, it is said, were known only to Miss Ervin and one or two others. Miss Ervin says that the matters quoted as of this character are matters which very of this character are matters which very

Miss Ervin says that the matters quoted as of this character are matters which very many people might have known.

To a person who sees and talks with Miss Ervin, it is simply beyond belief that she is capable of doing the atrocious thing she is accused of doing. A tall, dark-eyed, dark-haired young woman whose every movement and every accent are suggestive of refinement and womanily dignity and delicacy, it seems absolutely farcical to think of such a person deliberately sitting down and writing letters couched in language that would shock the forecastle of a privateer. And that only faintly describes the abominable filth and profanity of those letters which Miss Ervin is accused of writing.

With her handwriting available at all times and in any desired quantity, strange devices have been resorted to to obtain specimens of it. One of these tricks was

specimens of it. One of these tricks was in the form of a bogus correspondence, purporting to offer Miss Ervin an engage-ment to furnish the music—for she is an accomplished planist—for some entertainment in Norwalk

If this remarkable case comes to a sifting in the courts, the question of handwriting in the courts, the question of handwriting is sure to cut a prominent figure in the trial, and in that event probably the handwriting of Miss tushman, Mrs. Mctleilan, Miss Walker and half a dozen more ladies of Rowayton will be brought under examination. It seems to be generally admitted that the handwriting of the letters is that of a woman, and statements vary as to its resemblance to that of Miss Ervin, who writes a peculiarly delicate hand that on certain kinds of paper, looks almost like copperplate engraving.

Miss Ervin cays that she is utterly unable to explain the motive anytody might have in making such an attack upon i.e., sinless it be in some way the outgrowth of some of the past school troubles. All of the latters have norminally taken her part and have

the in some way the outgrowth of some of the past school troutlines. All of the intiteral have nominally taken her part and have been denunciatory of those who, the writer assumes, have been trying to "down" her. This she regards as a clumey attempt to threw steepelot upon her.

Of course, it is possible that it all may be the work of some foul-ministed creature working on his or her own hose and independent of any clique or faction in the village. This, however, is not the prevailing opinion, all of blue Erwin's friends believing it to be a deliberate conspiracy to drive her out of the school. Miss Erwin boards with the family of Mr. Everett, and has among her friends many of the best known people of the village.

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Newcoll relatives of John Transpan of 444 West Thirty-first street, who was burned pretender, were printing from his funeral in a cerriage, when at Thirty-second TENDERLOIN GAMBLERS CLOSE

DIDN'T TELL 'EM." SAYS SHEEHAN, THE NEW CZAR.

Didn't Know There Were Any Cambling Houses in the Tenderloin-Finds Two "Clubs," Said to Be Farrell's, Though-Sleuths Chop Their Way In Vainly.

From some source of apparent influence the word went out at 8 o'clock last night to the gambling houses in Police Captain Sheehan's Tenderloin to shut and stay shut. Whereat many "players" who were counting on the usual Christmas spreads in the gambling houses were disappointed.

Among the places which closed up in obedience to the powers that rule were Jim Kinney's in West Thirty-eighth street, John Daly's in West Twenty-ninth street, Sol Lichenstein's in West Thirty-second street, "Shan" Draper's in West Twentyeighth street, Charlie Reed's in West Twenty-fourth street, "Lou" Betts's in West Thirty-fourth street, Frank Feltman's in West Thirty-first street and Mead's in West Twenty-seventh street.

At several of these places the usual Christmas night spreads were ready for patrons and had to be left untouched. It was said by Tenderloin sporting men that the houses would probably stay closed for a few days, and would meanwhile weed out the poor customers and then resume business with the better class of players, and on that account the proprietors had little to complain of.

Capt. Sheehan was asked to tell what he knew about the closing. He said he didn't know there were any gambling houses in the Tenderloin. When he was told that there were some he said that at any rate he didn't order them to close up and didn't send out such an order issued by any one

Capt. Sheehan heard, nevertheless, early in the day that there were two poolrooms still running in his precinct and

rooms still running in his precinct and the information startled him. He called all his sleuths to his room and told them to do their duty. Five of them started out late in the afternoon under the leadership of Wardman Maher.

They tiptoed around the corner to Sixth avenue. There is a saleon on the corner and the cops went around to the side door. They found the vestibule door locked and they forced it. They went up a flight of stairs and came to another door. This was substantial and it took an axe to open it. The sleuths used the axe on another door, too, and broke into a room where there were 100 or more men sitting around and talking about the weather.

"This is a poelroom," said Wardman Maher.

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"Yeu slander us, sir," said a smooth-faced young man. "This is a social club and we are just discussing the plans for our annual ball."

The only thing except the furniture and the occupants was a telephone. The smooth-faced young man adjourned the meeting and the members filed out into the street.

Wardman Maher and his aides then went

Wardman Maher and his aides then went to 101 West Twenty-seventh street. They found another social gathering. Their presence adjourned that meeting, too, but there were no arrests. The sleuths only there were no arrests. The sleuths only had to break open one door to get into this place.

Some well-informed people in the Tenderloin say that Frank Farrell pays the rent of both the places.

It was learned late last night that all of the Mahoney poolrooms in the Tenderloin closed, under orders, yesterday, till further notice.

BOY BRIDEGROOM LOCKED UP. His Millionaire Father Objected to His Marriage to a Chambermaid.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25 .- George L. Cassaday, 18 years old, son of G. B. Cassaday, the millionaire Vice-President of the South Bend Chilled Plough Company, is a prisoner in his father's house because of his marriage yesterday to Miss Carrie Horein, a chambermaid in a South Bend arming and fitting out as full-fledged police hold him a prisoner in the house until the marriage can be annulled by the courts to which he will make application to-mor-

Miss Horein was suspected by his parents and steps were taken to prevent a marriage. When young Cassaday applied for a license it was refused and his father was notified. The lovers, however, boarded a train and The lovers, however, boarded a train and left the city and the father started in pur-suit, overtaking them at Niles, Mich., just as the last words of the marriage ceremony were being spoken. The son was torn from the bride and taken home.

The bride is of good character and noth ing whatever can be said against her, but the Cassadays feel that she is beneath their son and are determined to fight the

SOUGHT DEATH AT CHRISTMAS.

Young Woman Who Attempted Suicide

by Gas Saved in the Nick of Time. A young woman who registered as "Minnie Schultz, City," in a hotel at Third avenue and 199th street on Tuesday night was found almost asplayxiated in her room vesterday morning. She was taken to

One of the bartenders occupied a room adjoining that in which the woman slept. He smellest gas yesterday and the oder was traced to her room. The woman was found lying seroes the bed with the end of a rubber upe, attached to the gas jet, in her mouth. When she was revived at the heightal she said she had formerly lived of ail West Forty-fifth street bie would not say why she had attempted to kill herself. The address the woman gave is the St.

The address the voman gave is the St. dames sportment house. It was cald there that a Young woman named Schultz had teen employed in the storemon there size has technology Ste had been engaged through an employment agricey and bothing further is snown about her. She is good looking and wore expensive clothes.

Maternel ear-titel trief hilading Grace & Dethers, the sixten-year-old daughter of George Uniting of Main street. Totlesville, mater brand, was reported antening protesting. It was easily this feature that she left history without each but M. ackny plies a sparred seath for tables.

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Bureau Established to Collect Information Regarding the Many Tribes.

The Philippine Commission has established a Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, and Dr. David P. Barrows, who was formerly Superintendent of Schools in Manila. has been put at the head of it. He says that there are so many savage tribes in the Philippines that it is difficult to decide where to start the mark of investigation.

He is in correspondence with persons in various parts of the islands as to what they know and have seen of various tribes and expects thus to secure a basis for the work. He hopes to ascertain the name of each tribe, the limit of its territory of each tribe, the limit of its territory which it occupies, the approximate number of individuals which compose it, their social organizations and their languages, beliefs, manners and customs, with a special view to determine the most practical means to bring about their advancement in civilization and prosperity.

The difficulty of the work is increased, he says, by the lack of accurate geographical information regarding the interior of many of the islands. Some provinces in northern Luzon are practically unexplored.

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Beyond the coast lines the islands of Mindoro and Palawan are little known. Great unexplored regions exist in Mindanao. Dr. Barrows adds:

"It is possible that the administration of these tribes who are pagans and Mohammedans, and which number, as far as can be determined something like 1 200 (90) hammedans, and which number, as far as can be determined, something like 1,300,000, including Moros, will be placed in this bureau. We will have to recognize tribal relationship, tribal social orders, and a certain degree of tribal independence, just as is the case of the Indians at home. Such recognition is perfectly legal and has been upheld, defined and explained by the Supreme Court in a variety of cases. "There will be nothing to prevent us from recognizing the Moros and their various tribes, dealing with them as tribes and setting aside certain territory for their use."

WOULD SMOKE ON THE CAR. A Well-Dressed Man Who Liked to Cause Discomfort to Women.

There are renewed complaints about smoking on trolley cars in Brooklyn. On a Putnam avenue car that reached the Manhattan end of the Bridge before 8 o'clock the other morning was a typical offender of this kind who helped to make the trip

of this kind who helped to make the trip from Franklin avenue to Manhattan a memorable one to the other passengers.

Both platforms were crowded as well as the interior of the car, and this fellow stood at the rear door and smoked cheap cigarettes incessantly. The smoke blew in upon the men and women who were packed together on the seats, and in the aisles, and their complaints to the conductor resulted in nothing.

The conductor remonstrated with the man, as did a trained nurse who was returning home after a night's vigils in a patient's room, and who was made ill by the smell of the poor tobacco. All was in vain; the man defied the passengers and the conductor and dared the latter to put him off the car.

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He was standing on the rear platform and the law allowed him to smoke there,

and the law allowed him to smoke there, he contended. And as there were more women than men on the platform the smoked several cigarettes in their faces, seemingly to his own satisfaction.

The most surprising part of the performance was that the man was well clad, and but for his conduct might have been taken for an ordinary person of respectability.

POLICEMEN WHO "NO SABE." Courts of Honolulu Object to Appointment of Men Who Cannot Speak English.

The courts of Honolulu are finding fault with the police force of the Hawaiian capital, not because of corruption or wilful neglect of duty, but because some of the neglect of duty, but because some of the members of the force cannot speak English. Appointments that were not objectionable under the old rule do not seem consistent with the American form of government now in force.

One of the Honolulu papers say that in a recent case "Judge Humphreys took occasion to censure strongly the practice of the Police Department in uniforming, arming and fitting out as full-fledged police-

was not of marrying age and that he will and who have to testify in court through

was an outrage and a disgrace in an American country that men who cannot speak English should carry clubs and pistols and be authorized officers. This was something," he said, "that was unheard of any-where else in the United States." Objection is also made to the Japanese

A POCKET IN ITS COAT. And a Lace-Fdged Handkerchief for This Fortunc-Favored Bog.

Into a Broadway car came a woman, richly dressed, who carried under her arm a very small dog which, a moment later, a very small dog which, a moment later, attracted further attention because of its handsome apparel. Its blanket, which was so fashioned and made that it gave the impression of a coat, was of favor-colored broadcloth. There was a wide collar around the neck, and when the dog sat up the collar was like a little cape around its shoulders.

The coat was held on by a belt around the bedy, and on the right-hand side of it. the dog sat up, was a pocket, out of whice peeped the corners of a trimly folded fine little lace-edged handkerehief

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HOPE EMPEROR WILL RULE.

FOREIGNERS IN PEKIN HAVE FAITH IN RECENT REPORTS.

Dowager's Retirement Again Talked Of -Chinese Have No Paith in Her Promises-Emperor to Enter Pekin First-Manchurian Negetlations.

PERIN, Dec. 25.—The continued reports of the Empress Dowager's intention to relinquish control of the government have recently gained considerable credence among the foreigners here, although the Chinese, who for some time have been much concerned regarding the attitude of the Ministers and who are desirous of a Mackenzie has captured seven Boers at town held a meeting in Justice J. M. Mason's court room last night and formulated a seven last night and formulated a believe that she would voluntarily surrender her power. They do not think that any such surrender would be sincere.

Great preparations are being made a policemen because of their "unrestrained | Pao-ting-fu for the reception of the court. The fact that the Empress Dowager will stop over at Pao-ting-fu supports the confident assertion that the Emperor will return to Pekin first. Sir Robert Hart, whose influence with the Chinese is increasing, says that the present negotiations with Russia regarding Manchuria are more satisfactory than the former conferences. He believes that

Russia will modify her original demands, thus making it possible for an agreement to be reached. He has received an intimation from the court that a good, but not a quick settlement is wanted. He favors con-sideration of Russia's three points concerning prior rights to mining and railway privileges, railway defence, and military supremacy. He appreciates the necessity for China being at permanent peace with her neighbor. It is, however, considered impossible to avoid creating a basis for

GERMAN TARIFF BILL.

Proposal to Abandon the Clause Pixing

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> and dry on the eloppine day. So, a sanger resemble new resource news Henry Fouguer, a well-known posticue, overpaper man and formerly a member of the Chamber of Deputies, died to-day. He was here at Marsetles in 1828.

BOERS TO FIGHT BOERS. Captured Burghers Want to Take the Field for Great Britain.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PRETORIA, Dec. 25 .- The Burgher Corps of national scouts raided a farm yesterday capturing two Boers and a quantity of stock. This makes the total captures for this corps for a week thirty-six men. This is a striking indication of how the number of the enemy can be reduced by a small but alert mobile force without transport.

Among the burghers in camp a number are offering themselves for service in the field against the irreconcilables, who, they consider, are proving themselves to be enemies of the country. Nine burg

Major Jennings Bramley, the new commander of the Second Scottish Horse, was killed on Dec. 20. Lieut. Bow of the same

regiment was also killed.

Irish League is regarded as a sure harbinger of remedial legislation, which the recent agitation has rendered a question of neces-

JESSE JAMES'S UNCLE DEAD.

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19 years of age. Mr James amassed a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000. He was prominent in Baptist affairs, having practically given every Baptist church in the city its start. His gifts to fairnry Baptist Clurch alone exceeded \$86,000. Mr. James was at stock of Frank and desse James the landite, but would perser discuss their in any way. Its leaves a

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JUDGE'S CARRIE NATION ROLE

BUYS NEW AXE AND HEADS KANSAS CITY, KAN., CRUSADE.

Invites the Public to See Him Smash Barrels of Seized Whiskey and Beer The Probibitionists Adopt a New Plan to Keep All Liquor Out of the Town.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 25.-Beginning tomorrow morning the Prohibitionists of Kansas City, Kan., will begin a grusade on the liquor traffic that will make Mrs. Nation's recent efforts insignificant by comparison. An imaginary line divides Kansas City, Kan., from Kansas City. Mo. brand-new plan by which they hope to enforce the Prohibitory laws. They de-cided to seize all beer and whisky brought into the city. They do not intend to wait until the goods have been delivered. Deputy constables will be stationed at three NEW IRISH LAND LAW.

Deputy constables will be stationed at three wagon bridges leading from Kansas City. Mo. and the drivers, the wagons, the horses and the luquor will be seized and taken to Justice Mason's district. The Hurrel Search and Seizure law gives a constable sin Dublin that the Government is preparing an Irish land bill providing an equivalent to compulsory purchase, the tenant buying at seventeen years' payments and the landlord selling at twenty years, the State providing the three years' difference.

The prosecution of members of the United Irish League is regarded as a sure harbinger.

for the arrest of several saloonkeepers, seized their goods and convicted them. The crusade was stopped by the County Commissioners, who refused to allow the Justice and his constables fees for this

As a result of these raids, however, Justice Mason has the contents of five or siz saloous in the cellar under his court room and there has been no disposition made and there has been no disposition made of the goods. There is enough liquor in Marco's cellar to start a wholesale whiskey house, dustice Mason promises to legge the new year with a general smashing of herrels and logs and it will be denoted the spen. The public is invited, lie has purviused a new axe with which to make which which to make which which to make the spend of the spe

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